

Managing New and Unresolved Issues in the Next Water Plan Update Priorities Worksheet

DWR acknowledges many outstanding issues that could not be addressed in time for the 2005 Update of the CA Water Plan. Because these issues were raised by both the Advisory Committee and the general public, they remain in DWR's "parking lot" of topics to address in future Water Plan Updates.

Instructions:

- Recognizing that the next Water Plan Update will not be able to tackle all of these "parking lot" items, please indicate your **preference of priority** (1, 2, or 3, 4) for each of the topics.

1 = NOW (Things that are of immediate importance or relatively simple to undertake)	2 = SOON (Things that are important but can be somewhat delayed)	3 = LATER (Things that can be delayed and do not require immediate attention)	4 = Never (Something you feel strongly should NOT be in the Water Plan. In those cases, please indicate whether your opposition is based in concept/principle or in semantics (wording))
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Policy Topics

Topic	"How high a priority?" (1 = NOW 2 = SOON 3 = LATER, 4 = NEVER -(conceptual/principle or semantic?))
1. Add more details on funding mechanisms	
2. Describe how to implement beneficiary pays and user fees	
3. Consider economic theory as well as alternatives to economic theory for water allocation & distribution	
4. Discuss privatization of public water systems	
5. Consider resource management strategies used by Indigenous Peoples	

Topic	“How high a priority?” (1 = NOW 2 = SOON 3 = LATER, 4 = NEVER -(conceptual/principle or semantic?))
6. Explore the implications of a statewide groundwater law	
7. Consider State purchase of federal water facilities	
8. Assess impact of water right decisions on communities	
9. Discuss relationships with Western U.S. and Mexico	
10. Track implementation of previous Updates	
11. Consider the Water Plan’s social and political ramifications to communities – i.e., legislative actions, data, and decision-making affected by the Water Plan	
12. Integrate water and energy policy recommendations	
13. DWR needs a technical advisory group similar to the Advisory Committee to address technical needs of the Water Plan	
14. Consider ways to merge watershed management efforts and plans & integrated regional water management efforts and plans	

Process Topics

Topic	“How high a priority?” (1 = NOW 2 = SOON 3 = LATER, 4 = NEVER -(conceptual/principle or semantic?))
15. Have regional representation reflected in the next Advisory Committee	
16. Have stakeholder representation on two dimensions: Communities of Interest (i.e. all policy interests at the table) and Communities of Place (i.e. all regions at the table).	
17. Align DWR resources and programs to better support integrated regional planning throughout the state	

18. Coordinate with other State agencies to have consistent policies in support of integrated regional planning efforts	
19. Develop the Water Plan Glossary early and deliberately in the next Water Plan Update process	

Technical Topics

Topic	“How high a priority? (1 = NOW 2 = SOON 3 = LATER, 4 = NEVER -(conceptual/principle or semantic?)
20. Develop the Water Plan Information Exchange (Water PIE)	
21. More “actual” years for water portfolio, especially a series of dry years	
22. More local detail for Regional Reports & Water Portfolios	
23. More groundwater information (quantity, quality & overdraft)	
24. Change environmental water accounting and presentation	
25. Improve the transparency of data. Show how data is used from water management plans (UWMP, GWMP, etc.)	
26. Roll-up Urban Water Management Plans into regional data analyses	
27. Develop a mechanism for quality assurance as data is compiled and rolled up into higher levels	
28. More Scenarios and Response Packages based on more factors	
29. Interrelationships / integration among Resource Management Strategies	
30. Provide a comprehensive analytical framework to expand on Update 2005, Refine future supply and demand estimates	
31. Include a “Gap” analysis; either past one or more comprehensive	
32. Complete AB 2587 analysis – agricultural water demand for food	

security	
33. More on climate change impacts and responses	
34. More on energy cost impacts and water – energy relationships	
35. Provide additional info on unmet environmental objectives, and more on instream flows (existing & environmental needs assessment)	
36. More on flood risk	
37. Present brackish water and seawater desalination as separate strategies	
38. More discussion on water marketing & transfer impacts	
39. Change the way Wild & Scenic Rivers are characterized	
40. Analyze discrepancies of development plans in individual counties on different parts of the same river.	

WHAT ADDITIONAL TOPICS WOULD YOU ADD TO THE ABOVE?